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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Japan 11-45225 is also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,923,339
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,078,337
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,438,635
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,499,076
- (5) U.S. Publication No. 2002/0007431
- (6) Japan 11-45225

The above-listed documents have a common inventor with, and are commonly assigned with, the subject application.

Japan 11-45225 was cited in the specification at page 1 and is believed to be pertinent for the reasons noted in the specification.

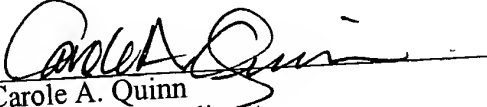
An English-language abstract for Japan 11-45225 is enclosed. In this regard, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0007431 is believed to be an English-language equivalent of Japan 11-45225.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT	
11-45225	2/16/99	Japan			Abstract	

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